

SENATE BILL 1011

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 38, Chapter 8, relative to the use of body cameras by law enforcement agencies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "body camera" means a portable, electronic recording device that is worn on the body of a law enforcement officer and that records audio and video data during the performance of the law enforcement officer's official duties and responsibilities.

(b) Any portion of a recording captured by a body camera shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open for inspection by members of the public pursuant to § 10-7-503(a)(2) if the portion of the recording:

- (1) Includes the image of a minor; or
- (2) Is captured:
  - (A) Within or on the premises of a private residence;
  - (B) Within a healthcare facility, as defined in § 39-17-1802; or
  - (C) Within a school, as defined in § 49-6-301 or § 49-6-401.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, a law enforcement agency shall keep confidential any portion of a recording captured by a body camera that is deemed confidential under any court rule or other applicable law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.